

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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In re Patent Application of:  
Yukio Aoki

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For: CEMENTED CARBIDE MATERIAL FOR  
SURFACE COATED GEAR CUTTING TOOL  
AND SURFACE COATED GEAR CUTTING  
TOOL

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Examiner: S. Abu Ali

**SUBMISSION FILED WITH AN RCE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.114**

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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

**Status of the Application**

On March 23, 2010, Applicant submitted a Response to Final Office Action. On April 6, 2010, The Examiner submitted an Advisory Action stating that the amendments would not be entered on the grounds that they presented new issues that required further consideration. As such, Applicant has submitted a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) with the earlier filed Response to Final Office Action. This submission is proper and complete under 37 C.F.R. 1.114 and 37 C.F.R. 1.111.

In light of the RCE, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.